Collection of Taxes

2318. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central and State Governments are collecting taxes and duties like customs, Central excises, VAT and service tax on manufacture and sale of various commodities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all these taxes and duties will pass on to the consumer as prices of the commodities;

(c) whether there is any proposal before Government to advise the manufacturers to publish the details of taxes and duties on each commodity as a transparency; and

(d) if so, what is the approximate percentage of tax and duties on the price of commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The Central Government is responsible for collection of indirect taxes namely, customs duties on imported/export goods, excise duties on manufactured items and service tax on specified services. By very nature of these taxes, they are likely to be passed on to the ultimate consumer. But, whether they will be passed on or not will be a decision of the importer/manufacturer/service provider.

VAT is levied by the State Governments on purchase or sale of goods within a State by virtue of Entry 54 of State List of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. VAT being an indirect tax on goods is generally passed on to the consumers.

(c) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The percentage of taxes and duties in the price of commodities varies from item to item and it is not possible to estimate quantum of tax and duties as percentage of final price of commodities.

Revised Guidelines for Allotment of PAN

2319. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: